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## ONE DOLLAR.

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## SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Thursday, June 8th, at Taylorsville.

The District Convention of the Democratic-Conservative Party, of the 7th Congressional District will be held at Taylorsville on Thursday the 8th day of June, 1876, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress and for electing delegates to attend the National Democratic Convention at St. Louis, on the 27th day of June, and also for nominating a Presidential elector.

JOHN S. HENDERSON,  
Chairman Dist. Ex. Com.

April 19, 1876.

## CAMPAIGN PRESS.

The Presidential canvass will soon open. The issues are as grave and vital as have ever presented to us, as a people. At this approaching election, the people are to determine whether the politics of the country shall be raised from our present condition, and the administration of the government restored to the purity and economy of the earliest and better days of the republic.

This is a reform that appeals for active and earnest support to every patriot and every interest in the land. The appeal is enforced by the great depression of trade and of our general interests, such as the country never felt before, and by developments of extravagance, corruption and unfaithfulness of Republican rule, which have shocked the moral sense and disgraced the public service.

Political regeneration is demanded by every consideration of public duty,—by every sentiment of national pride. If our free institutions are to be perpetuated and the people made prosperous once more, the unity of the Republic and the supremacy of the laws must be most firmly maintained; the *fraternity* of the people must be restored. The memories revived at this time by our Centennial Anniversary of Independence, inspire to this great work. The time is auspicious. The omens are full of promise. One of the most effective ways to help on the GREAT REFORM is to extend the circulation of Conservative journals. In this, every one can, or ought to do something.

The Press will do its share in this momentous canvass. To this end we have offered this paper at reduced rates to new subscribers. It will contain more reading matter than most of the weekly papers published in the State. In addition to political discussion, it will give all the general news and intelligence of the day, at home and abroad. Send in your subscriptions at once. You will not regret it.

## County Convention.

Pursuant to call the County Conservative Convention to nominate delegates to the State and District Conventions, assembled in the Court House on last Tuesday. The Convention was organized by calling T. J. Valentine, Esq., to the Chair, and the appointment of G. M. Matthee to act as Secretary. The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolved, That our delegates to the State Convention are instructed to vote for such candidates and measures as will best promote the harmony and success of the Conservative party, and secure an honest and economical administration of our State government.

Resolved, That we approve the course of our representative in Congress, Hon. W. M. Robbins, and recommend his re-nomination.

Upon motion it was adopted that any Conservative of the county attending either the State or District Conventions be authorized to act as delegate to such Convention.

Gen. J. M. Leach being present, was called upon and responded in one of his best and most telling speeches.

## The Contrast.

That the South, during the last twenty years prior to the war, kept better men in Congress than the North, cannot be denied by whoever was familiar with the representatives of the two sections. Whether this actual superiority arose from better selection, in the first place, or from retaining men longer in office, we will not now pause to discuss. The fact remains, nevertheless, and there we touch the cause of the preponderance of the control which this section exerted, at different times, upon our national councils. It may be that the presence of an educated and cultivated class, *Democratic* in respect to the rights of the people and the States under our system,—contributed much to keep our States well supplied with, and represented by, able and practical men; and now what effect upon the national greatness of the Union has been produced by substituting for this class the ignorance and superficiality which has, during the past few years, had political sway at the national capital.

The history of this world shows, that men do not become great legislators, governors, or publicists by mere accident, and that men dedicated to one idea of social reform seldom make great and good governments. Our government was not intended to experiment upon the problem of perpetual motion, or to use up the general fund in search of the philosopher's stone. For over half a century, not a man dared to violate the sacredness of our Constitution, or to foment violence in our politics, this great instrument has only been a shuttle-cock in the hands of that party, flying everywhere to suit the caprice of the hour.

To any natural aptitude for public affairs, there must be added a life of laborious study and profound reflection. Exceptions there may be, now and then; but they do not prove the rule. Blackstone says, it demands the *habitation* of a vigilant *anatomist* to make a lawyer; how many more than twenty years, then, are necessary for a publicist? The number of men in a country fitted for public life is limited. Look at England. How few, comparatively

speaking, occupy the high seats of power in the ministry, or the Parliament, no matter how many changes there may be of administration. The number is so few in all parties that, in the slang phrase of the day, it could be called a "ring." The South followed England closely in appreciating this.

In no country is constant attention to this rule so important as in a Republic. A Democratic system of government must prove a failure, ultimately, if the intelligence and virtue of the land withdraw from active participation in public affairs, and leave the making and administration of laws to ignorance and vice. We, as a people, have sadly realized this. Instead of having, as at present, a government able, self-reliant, and full of resources, we have been treated to just the opposite, and have for long, been cursed with a party, efficient in nothing but gratifying party and personal spite. No strong, steady hand at the helm, but for eight years now, an ignorant buffoon playing President, with all the initiative faculty of a lower order of beings. Put a wise, honest, clear-headed statesman in the White House, who will surround himself with Cabinet Ministers working and consulting together with singleness of purpose and thought for the good of the entire country, and our present political wilderness will change instantly. This is the business the great Conservative Convention that is to meet at St. Louis will have in hand.

## Personal Leadership.

"Five leading 'independent' Republicans—William Cullen Bryant, Theodore D. Woodley, Alexander H. Bullock, Horace White and Carl Schurz have issued a call for a conference to be held in New York, May 15, 'to consider what may be done to prevent the national election of the Centennial year from becoming a mere choice of evils.'"

Hitherto our election contests have been mainly conflicts of principles. Principles, not men, has been the slogan. The individuality of the standard-bearer has been overshadowed by the banner and its legend. Party name and party prestige have overbalanced all personal defects. Today, through the force of events, we look to men—who they are, what they have been, and what they will do. The people are no longer satisfied that the candidates for their suffrages pass in review before them, exhibiting no other qualifications for their support than the certificate of party fealty and the *ad vias* embossed on their shields.

Whatever Schurz's conference may suggest, the Conservative National Convention at St. Louis, will see to it that no such contingency shall arise. The Conservative principles, of to-day are right, and the nation is beginning to comprehend this. All that is necessary to rally victorious hosts around its banners is the selection of able and unsullied men as standard-bearers. That such can be found in its ranks, no one, we think, will be weak enough to doubt, and the first and paramount duty of our approaching National Convention, as well as of all coming State Conventions, is to find these men and place them in the field. We do sincerely trust that our State Convention will rise to the height of the occasion, and, with as little speech making, and as few resolutions as possible, proceed to supply the real need of the hour, which is ORGANIZATION.—The people do not need to be told that the administration of their affairs has grown corrupt, or that the Radical party is wholly untrustworthy; they appreciate this most thoroughly; but they want to be shown a sure way out. Give them an honest, irreproachable leader, and they will co-operate; organize, and they will be ready for action and achieve a victory.

## North Carolina Slates.

One of the more noteworthy objects in Monroe is the "Rock House," now in process of construction. Rock houses are not rare; but the interest in this instance arises from the nature of the rock; slates. The county abounds in slate veins; but an extraordinary quarry has recently been opened on the lands of H. M. Houston Esq., within pistol shot of the city limits, from which a single workman, with a pickaxe, can prize out large blocks of blue slate, cut and fashioned almost ready for the builders hands. The slates, of course, lie in foliated layers or leaves, like mica; but the strata are of sufficient thickness for building purposes, and very durable. The slate formation of North Carolina occupies a tract of country, 40 miles in width, extending from Union and Anson Northeast to the Virginia line; constituting one of the most notable features in the geology of the State. At no distant day it may become of great value economically. The use of slates for shingles is fast becoming necessary in railroad towns where a single spark often costs millions; and the difference in price may be reduced to a trifle. These slates may also be used for flooring, side-walks, &c.—*Southern Home.*

## The University of North Carolina.

The first commencement under the new organization takes place on Thursday, the first day of June. It ought to be a memorable event in the history of the thousands, who rejoice that the dark cloud which had so long obscured the fortunes of the University had passed away under the effulgent light of a new life, will participate. The attractions offered to visitors, outside of renewal of old associations, and the commingling of friends from all parts of the country, will of themselves be inducements. Several distinguished gentlemen will speak during the occasion. Hon. Z. B. Vance will deliver a memorial address to the annual address before the Literary Society. The Hon. Robert M. Dick will speak on the subject of education and Prof. Kerr on that of agriculture; and that distinguished divine, Dr. Fritchard, of this city, will preach what is known as the baccalaureate sermon.—*Raleigh News.*

The Senate of the United States, which is Radical, is fighting with might and main to prevent the cutting down of officer's salaries, appropriations and other economies, bills to effect which the Conservative House are trying to pass. Remember that, farmers and hardworking men who help to pay all these high taxes, that the Radical party has fixed upon us for the last fifteen years.

RETIRED.—Maj. Engellhart, who for a number of years, was chief editor of the *Wilmington Journal*, has withdrawn from that paper.

**INFLUENCE OF NEWSPAPERS.**—School teacher, who had been engaged a long time in his profession, and witnessed the influence of a newspaper upon the minds of a family and children, writes as follows:

I have found it to be a universal fact without exception, that those scholars, of both sexes, and of all ages, who have access to newspapers at home, when compared with those who have not, are:

1. Better readers, excellent in pronunciation, and consequently read more understandingly.
2. They are better spellers and define words with ease and accuracy.
3. They obtain practical knowledge of geography in almost half the time it requires of others, as the newspapers have made them acquainted with the location of important places, of nations, their governments and doings on the globe.
4. They are better grammarians for having become so familiar with every variety of styles in the news.

## The Trade in Dried Blackberries.

In the Piedmont region of this State, this has become an enormous business. At the towns of Salem, (the pioneer in blackberry trade,) Winston, Reidsville, and Hickory, there is marketed annually about 2,000,000 lbs. The gathering of these berries affords employment to a great many poor people, and is no small matter in their slender income. We know how from nothing a great business has grown up among us in sumac. Sicily once had the monopoly of it; but the trade has learned now to value ours; indeed, with more care observed in gathering it, the standard of ours will quite reach that of Sicily. These are minor matters in our general economy; but they bring comfort to many needy people, and in the aggregate of our work, prove to be no insignificant factor.

Pinchback, colored, at Nashville, said: "If we consolidate the white people of this section of country together, or any other section of it, against the black man, and make it an issue, the annihilation of the blacks is certain. There is doubt about it. There once belonged to this very land a race that for chivalry and daring, for true valor and courage, has not an equal on the face of the globe. I allude to the Indian.—Where are they to-day? There was an irrepressible conflict between them and the white man, and the result is that the place which knew him but a few years ago, knows him no more. And, gentlemen, just as sure as I speak, if this antagonism is to go on; if we are to have this political war which is now being waged between the races, it will not be long before it will be an actual war, and the end will be our annihilation."

## The Great Centennial Opening.

PHILADELPHIA, May 10.—The gates were opened at 9 o'clock. The Foreign Commissioners and other distinguished visitors had special entrance, and were seated without confusion.—The ceremonies opened with airs of all nations under the direction of Theodore Thomas. Prayer by the Right Rev. Bishop Simpson, and a hymn by J. G. Whitier. The presentation of the buildings to the United States Centennial Commission. Cantata by Sidney Lanier of Ga. Presentation of the exhibition to the President of the United States by Joseph R. Hawley.—Proclamation of the opening of the International Exhibition of 1876 by the President.

At 10:30, Dom Pedro, Emperor of Brazil, was escorted to a seat by Gen. Hawley. At 10:55 the President entered through Memorial Hall, and was conducted to a seat on the front of the platform. Gov. Hartman, Gen. Hawley and Hon. D. G. Morrill occupied seats on the left, while Messrs. John Welsh and Goshorn were on his right. Fred. Douglass, (negro,) worked his way through the crowd and was helped over the ropes by officers and conducted to a seat on the platform—he was greeted with cheers. At 11:30 the Wagner Centennial Inauguration March was performed by an orchestra, at the conclusion of which Bishop Simpson offered prayer, during which the vast assemblage stood with uncovered heads.

The attendance on the opening day is estimated by the *New York Herald* at 250,000. The following table will show a comparative statement with the European exhibitions: Philadelphia, (total).....250,000, on May 10, 1876; Paris, 175,000, on Oct. 27, 1875; Vienna, 135,000, on Nov. 2, 1873; London, 125,000, on Oct. 7, 1873; Philadelphia, (negro).....50,000, on May 10, 1876; London, 67,891, on Oct. 20, 1873.

In the case of all the European exhibitions the greatest day was either the closing one, or near it, and at Paris and Vienna the greatest number of visitors was on Sunday.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

Congressmen are holding consultation as to adjourn the present session, and they have figured it down to the tenth of June. It is conceded on all sides however, that, to do this, they will have to come down to hard work, late and early, particularly in rounding up their work in the investigating committees.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Randall, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for copies of all letters, telegrams, orders and instructions relating to the organization and prosecution of the movements against the so-called whisky riffs at St. Louis, Chicago and Milwaukee. It was adopted by a strict party vote and amid great excitement. Yeas 141, nays 69.

Resolutions calling on the President for the correspondence relative to the removal of John P. Henderson as special counsel in the whisky rings were adopted.

## Gold.

We observe that the House of Representatives has passed an appropriation for the assay office at Charlotte, North Carolina. This is a step in the right direction. The mineral resources of North Carolina have of late attracted considerable attention. The great extent of the mineral belt running through that section of the country has never, until recently, been accurately known in a general way, for the reason that all the mining operations carried on in the South, with one or two exceptions, prior to and to a great extent since the war, have been mere surface or "placer" mining. Only recently have any well directed efforts been made to develop the veins by deep mining. Placer mining is very uncertain, and therefore seldom profitable; but experience has shown that where ever well-directed efforts have been made to penetrate to the lower levels on gold or silver bearing ledges, the results are as certain as any other species of mining, including coal and iron.

It is believed that all along the eastern range traversing the Carolinas, and further South, there are yet to be found many stores of wealth beneath the surface, which only await practical application of capital. That gold bearing quartz is present in great abundance has been fully demonstrated in numerous instances—notably at Gold Hill, near Salisbury, and the region immediately surrounding Charlotte.

The Gold Hill mine is the deepest, and contains every rich ore, but mostly in sulphur, which renders it difficult to treat. This is not the case, however, at other points. For instance, the well-known King's Mountain mine, near Charlotte, at a depth of two hundred and fifty feet, has an extensive vein of limestone formation, carrying telluride of lead and free gold, which is readily extracted by amalgamation in the ordinary stamp mill. The ore in this mine is of the same character as that found on the Conestock ledge, and while it has not proved so rich so far as developed, it appears to be almost as extensive. There are also a number of other mines from which large amounts of bullion have been taken. The reopening of the assay office at Charlotte will aid very materially in stimulating the mining interests of that region, particularly just now when so much attention is being given in that direction.

Mr. Holman, of Indiana, stated in the course of the debate on this appropriation, that the last year the assay office at Charlotte was kept open there was only about \$6,000 deposited there. However this may be, we know that the King's Mountain mine alone has produced during the past year \$117,000, and the prospect is that the product of the region about Charlotte, which is now known to be very considerable (we have not the exact figures) will be much greater during the near future than ever before, owing to the fact that more capital is now being expended in development of the mines.—There is no doubt that the time is near when Charlotte will be the centre of an extensive and flourishing mining region, and the passage of the appropriation which provoked these remarks is an indication that Congress is becoming conscious of the fact.—*Philadelphia Enquirer.*

## Blackmailing a Woman.

THE STORY OF MISS SWEET THE PENSION AGENT AT CHICAGO.

[Special dispatch to the Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Miss Ada C. Sweet, the pension agent at Chicago, gave her testimony in committee to-day. She stated that David Blackley, when pension agent at Chicago, agreed with her that if she would pay \$2,000 he would retire from his position and throw his influence in her favor for the office. He directed her to pay the money to B. H. Campbell, the father-in-law to Gen. Babcock, which she did, and then she told Campbell that, having performed her part of the contract, she wanted the office; but Campbell informed her that he held Blackley's note of \$5,000 which she must pay before she could have the office.—About this last proposition there was considerable controversy and telegraphing before it was arranged, and she did not pay it. She got the office, but when it was turned over to her Blackley turned over also \$27,000 and induced her to receipt for \$40,000, saying he would make it good in a few days. This \$30,000 deficiency was carried on her rolls for a long time. Finally an examining agent appeared and she informed him of the deficiency. He said he would not examine her books until on his way back to Washington, and that he would give her a chance to make good the deficiency. In the meantime, Commissioners of Pensions Baker and Blackley appeared in her office and told her that she must make good the \$30,000 deficiency that day, or she would be removed. She then saw Campbell, who gave her a note for \$1,800, which she endorsed, and then laid discredited, and with other money she had cleared the rolls of that \$30,000. In fact she says the office has proved a loss to her thus far, for she is now \$2,000 in debt because of the demands upon her for money. The state of affairs came to the ears of the President, she continued, and he instructed her to pay no more of these demands; that she had been acting wrongly by so doing, and that if she did so again, and he found it out, he would dismiss her from office. Also, that if she paid no more money in this way he would see that she should not be removed, and that since then she has paid no more. Miss Sweet is a daughter of General Sweet, who was once the pension agent there, who afterwards became deputy commissioner of internal revenue, and who died while holding that office.

Miss Sweet gave her statement reluctantly, and said she had been requested by Campbell to make it as harmless as possible; that if the committee thought his part in the transaction was discreditable he would return the whole amount paid. She produced all the receipts given by Campbell. Baker is now surveyor general in Minnesota and Campbell holds the office of United States marshal at Chicago.—Their offense is an indictable one, and both have good chances for going to the penitentiary. Miss Sweet also spoke of another discreditable transaction on the part of Campbell of compelling her father to give a signature to Campbell's son at \$2,500 per annum. These cases, in connection with the pension agent Clement, at St. Joseph, Missouri, who paid a personal friend of the President \$1,200 per annum for friendship sake, have exposed a rottenness in the pension agencies which will result in the Secretary of the Interior immediately issuing an order that if there are any persons paid who do not render actual service they must be promptly dropped, or the offending pension agent will be summarily turned out of office and his offenses published to the world.

The contract for Virginia tobacco for France was given out by the French government, at Paris, Monday. It amounts to 3,240 hogsheads, and the buying of it is entrusted to B. C. Gray & Co., of Richmond.—*Enquirer.*

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FRANK LESLIE, at his Mammoth Publishing House, 387 Pearl Street, New York, issues every Wednesday a large illustrated newspaper and magazine. Mr. Leslie was the first in the United States to undertake the publication of a weekly illustrated newspaper, and to him belongs the honor of being the publisher of the "Greatest Illustrated Newspaper in America," which person who secures the agency for these publications for this country, and will give our citizens an opportunity of inspecting the several issues and copies of the eight magnificent chromo the choice from which is given with a subscription to either of the Illustrated Weeklies, will have a handsome and profitable employment. These papers are well known and ready for from 10 to 15 cents on news-stands, and are now sent first-class through the mails to annual subscribers, with a valuable chromo, which to all lovers of art is alone worth more than the subscription price. An annual subscriber to the ILLUSTRATED NEWSPAPER receives during the year 52 newspaper pages. Filled to the size of a large octavo book the subscriber would have 528 pages, equal to seven octavo books of ordinary size, say 400 pages each, and one half of these pages would contain fine engravings, and for the entire year will make the most accurate and valuable illustrated history of the National Jubilee published. We advise our readers, after they have subscribed to the Press to secure a copy of Frank Leslie's illustrated periodicals, and with it the beautiful chromo.

Mrs. Mickey has just received a fine lot of MILLINERY GOODS, NOTIONS, &c., from the cities of Philadelphia and New York, to which she has the attention of her friends and the public generally. The goods are all of the latest and most stylish.

J. E. MCKEY has constantly on hand a large lot of TIN WARE, STOVES, &c. Any article in his line, not on hand, will be manufactured to order at short notice.

From the *Weldon News* we learn that in Halifax, Thursday morning, during the sitting of Court, and in Judge Henry's presence, O'Hara, the colored lawyer, gave his legal and political brother, T. M. Argo, the lie, whereupon the latter seized a cane and proceeded to use it and a tussle ensued. Judge Henry had both arrested, and bound them over for their appearance at the bar on Friday morning, when the case came up for a hearing. Sentence was postponed until Thursday. The Judge admitted a scathing rebuke for such an outrageous violation of the dignity of his court.

The Graham Gleaner says: The Falls of the Neuse Manufacturing Company have taken steps to immediately rebuild the cotton factory at Big Falls. This factory will be much enlarged. This Company has also bought the water power, known as Sellers' Mill, with several hundred acres of adjacent land, and will very soon commence the building of a large factory at that point.

The Charlotte Southern Home: Mr. Melancthon Black, of Rocky River, Cabarrus county, now about 75 years old, has never bought a pound of bacon, or a bushel of corn or wheat. He has always worn clothing spun and woven at home. This is a remarkable experience in a cotton country, and as the result of it, Mr. B. is never short of money.

The trial of George W. Swenson, indicted for the murder of A. G. Moore, in Alamance county, and removed by the prosecution to Orange county, was again removed on the affidavit of the defence to the county of Wake.

Wm. A. Hendricks, charged with the murder of Robt. Sanford, in Davie county, was tried in Rowan Court last week, and acquitted.

On the late memorial day, the Federal troops in Raleigh assisted in strewing flowers over the graves of our fallen heroes.

There have been nearly sixty professions of religion at the Methodist revival now in progress at Beaufort.

Dr. Paul Venable, brother of the late Hon. A. W. Venable, died recently at the advanced age of 83.

Principal Graves, of the Hillsboro Military Academy, died suddenly on Wednesday of last week.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Several newspapers, including the *New York Herald* and *Times*, *Harper's Weekly* and *Frank Leslie's Illustrated*, have organized an expedition for the purpose of encompassing the earth in eighty days. The London *Times* has joined the enterprise, and will send Dr. Russell, known as "Bull Run" Russell, and an artist connected with the *Illustrated Newspaper* will also accompany the expedition. The expedition will leave New York about June 1, in a special train for San Francisco, which is advertised to go through to that city in eighty hours. At San Francisco the newspaper party will take a steamer to Yokohama, and thence they will proceed to Calcutta, Cairo, and through the Mediterranean to Queenstown and embark for New York.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—New York, May 11.—Receipts from all sources for the year were \$3,277.98. Expenditures for same period were \$3,392.81. Including balance on hand, May, 1875, there still is a balance left of \$8,980. During the year \$75,770 bibles were manufactured and \$80,470 distributed by the society. The society have circulated the bible in twenty foreign countries during the year, and had it printed in nearly as many languages. The next anniversary will be held on the 16th of May, at Philadelphia. Nine members of the Board of Managers were elected.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. O'Neill of Pennsylvania, stated that Philadelphia contains more dwelling houses than New York, Brooklyn, and San Francisco combined.

A farmer told us the other day that he would not be without Dr. Bull's Cough-Syrup if it cost him a bottle. It ought to be a wonderful remedy.

A gentleman on the train between Philadelphia and Baltimore a few days ago, asked himself by taking a vote of the passengers for Presidents. As the result may indicate a presidential "straw" we give it for what it is worth: Blaine, 25; Seymour, 15; Thurman, 20; Bayard, 21; Bristol, 30; Tilden, 40; Hendricks, 12; Davis, 10; Hayes, 15; Morton, 5; Conkling, 1; Grant, 1; Sam Ralliah, 10; Kerr, 1.

The last census of the United States shows that there is one church for every 432 persons; that while from 1860 to 1870 the population increased 66 per cent. (we lost a million lives by the war), the churches increased nearly 90 per cent.

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### STATE ITEMS.

The Raleigh News says: The Grand Encampment of North Carolina Independent Order of Old Fellows, convened at Old Fellows Hall, in this city according to appointment. Grand Patriarch Wm. A. Harney, of Elizabeth City, presided. The Report of the Grand Scribe showed the Encampment branch to be in a healthy and prosperous condition. There has been an increase of membership during the past year, and there is a prospect of still greater increase during the coming year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Wm. Howard, of Salisbury, M. W. Grand Patriarch; J. B. McNeill, of Tarboro, Grand High Priest; Thomas J. Latham, of Newbern, Grand Senior Ward; Richard J. Jones, of Wilmington, Grand Scribe and Treasurer; J. F. Hoskins, of Greensboro, Grand Junior Ward; John Taylor, of Goldsboro, Grand Sentinel; Charles M. Busbee, of Raleigh, Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Elis D. Wilson, of Wilmington, has been insane for some time past, and several days since he told his mother that he intended burning himself, but no attention was paid to his remark. One morning last week, about two o'clock he got out of his bed, and going to the kerosene oil can, he took it up, and holding it over his head, poured all the oil that he contained over himself, and then procuring a match struck it, and the next instant he was a mass of flames. His mother, discovering what he had done, screamed and rushed into the yard, and Wilson followed her. After reaching the yard he ran around for some moments, suffering the most intense agony, writhing in his pain, and then fell dead, and the fire being extinguished, he laid there one mass of burnt and crisp flesh.—*Review.*

## THE MARKETS.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY R. A. WOMACK & CO., SALEM, N. C.

BAKING AND LARD:	
Western Sides,	14 to 15
Country "	15 "
Shouiders,	11 to 12
Hams,	12 to 13
Lard,	15 to 18

GRAIN:	
Corn,	70 to 75
Wheat,	\$1 00 to 1 20
Oats,	50 to 60
Flour (per 100 lbs.),	2 40 to 3 00
Meal,	2 00 to 2 25
Chops, "	1 50 to 1 75
Rice, Carolina,	10 to 12
Flax Seed (per bushel)	1 25 to 0 00

PRODUCE:	
Apples, green,	1 50 to 2 00
Eggs,	10 to 14
Butter,	25 to 30
Feathers,	50 to 60
Beeswax,	25 to 30
Potatoes, Sweet,	50 to 75
" Irish,	50 to 1 00
Hay,	50 to 65

GROCERIES:	
Coffee,	25 to 30
Sugar,	10 to 12
Molasses, dark,	20 to 30
" syrup,	60 to 85
Salt, coarse,	1 40 to 1 50
" fine, dairy,	2 40 to 2 50
Soda, English,	64 to 10
Black Pepper, sifted,	50 to 40
Allspice,	30 to 40
Cheese, old country,	18 to 20
Candy, in box,	14 to 15
Higgins' Soap, per bar,	8 1/2 to 10
Armstrongs' Soap, per bar,	7 to 10

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Lamp Oil,	22 to 30
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# LOCAL ITEMS.

**POST OFFICE DIRECTORY.**  
Salem, N. C., Post Office Arrangement.—Office hours from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. during the week. As mail arrives or departs on Sunday the office will be open on that day.  
**TIME OF ARRIVAL AND CLOSING THE MAILS.**  
Railroad, from Greensboro to Salem, closes every day, except Sundays, at 7 a. m.; due every day except Sunday, by 6.30 p. m.  
Mount Airy mail, via Old Town, Bethania, Five Forks, Little York, Pilot Mountain, Flat Shoals and Tom's Creek: closes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 6.30 a. m.; due, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, by 3 p. m.  
Madison mail, via Sedge Garden, Germantown and Walnut Cove, due, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, by 5 p. m.; closes, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 6.30 a. m.  
Jerusalem mail, via Friedberg, Miller's Mill, Elba and Fulton: closes every Wednesday at 6 a. m.; due, every Thursday, 7 p. m.  
Jonesville mail, via Mt. Tabor, Vienna, Red Plains and Jonesville, closes every Friday, by 7 p. m.; closes every Saturday, at 6 a. m.  
Walmarton mail, via Salem Chapel, White Road, Salem Creek Mills and Blakely: closes every Friday, at 4.30 p. m.; due, every Saturday, by 7 p. m.  
Huntsville mail via Clemmons, Lewisville and Panther Creek, closes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 6.30 a. m.; due, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 3 p. m.  
H. W. SHORE, P. M.

**A GOOD GARDEN.**—Remember, the foundation of a good garden is good seeds, in the first place, and good culture afterwards.  
**AT ZEVELY'S DRUG STORE,** you will find all fresh and reliable SEEDS. No old stock on hand, remember that.

**WANTED.**—Copies of the Farmer's and Planter's Almanac for the years 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833 and 1834. Any one having them will confer a great favor by sending them to this office.

## JOB PRINTING.

Persons wishing printing neatly, expeditiously and cheaply executed, can be accommodated at the PRESS OFFICE, SALEM, N. C.

## Court Week.

The Spring Term of our Court is in session, Judge Clark, presiding. We learn that his Honor's charge to the Grand Jury, stripped of its unnecessary verbiage, presented a sound exposition of the law, in all cases made and provided.

Both dockets are extensive, but neither contains any case of much importance.  
The first two days of the term were marked by an unusually large attendance.  
On Monday, Denny was convicted of stealing a coat of M. S. Langfelt.

Nearly all day Tuesday was consumed in the trial of Shep. Johnson, charged with horse stealing. The case was given to the jury late in the day, and after remaining out all night, brought in a verdict of guilty.  
The noon recess on Tuesday was made profitable to a full house in listening to a well-timed speech from the Hon. J. M. Leach, glowing with patriotic ardor. The General's speech was a telling one. He is evidently the people's man, and one of North Carolina's most favorite sons.

**Mr. ALPHEUS P. WINKLER,** a native of this place, but for the last five years resident at Knob Noster, Missouri, is on a visit here.

**W. J. RING,** of this county, sold a lot of 244 pounds of tobacco, recently, at \$64 per hundred.

**Mr. Ring** had three acres in tobacco, from which he realized \$600.

**50th ANNIVERSARY.**—Mrs. Charles Yates, of this place, and Mrs. Levine Hine, of Winston, celebrated their 50th birthday last week. Mrs. Rev. D. S. Smith, of Friedberg, also enjoyed her 50th anniversary on Monday last.

Don't forget that there will be a meeting of the citizens of Salem, in the Commissioner's Hall, on Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is respectfully solicited.

**STRAWBERRIES** are as yet, few and far between.

The Annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias will take place in the early part of June, and not in the latter part of this month, as erroneously stated heretofore.

The Episcopal service in the Court-house, on last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Bynum officiating, is said to have been highly interesting.

**Mr. Wm. F. Swain,** of Farmington, Davie County, advertises for a wagon maker.

**YADKIN COLLEGE** commencement on the 25th inst. Situated in Davidson County, about 20 miles from here.

**FAC-SIMILE** of the original Declaration of Independence, can be seen at this office.

**THANKS** to Hon. W. M. Robbins for continued Congressional favors.

**DAVIDSON COLLEGE.**—We have received complimentary invitation to Davidson College Commencement, Wednesday, June 28th. Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, D. D., of Petersburg, will deliver the address before the Literary Societies.

Among the marshals of the day, we notice the name of our young friend, H. E. Fries, of this place.

**NOT DEAD.**—We are glad to learn that young Thomas Martin, who was dangerously wounded by Ben. Smith recently in Stokes, is not dead, and that there is a probability of his recovery. Nothing has been heard from Smith since he took the train at Max Meadows.—Sentinel.

**NEW POST ROUTE.**—A tri-weekly mail route has been established from Dalton Post-Office, on Little York, Stokes County, to Jefferson, in Ashe County, which will be let out to bidders shortly.

The route supplies the following offices:—Stony Ridge, Siloam, Dobson, Jadesville, Roaring Gap, Laurel Branch, Cherry Lane, Gap Civil, Elk Creek, Scottville, and Jefferson, connecting with the line to Taylorsville, Tenn.  
Hpn. W. M. Robbins and J. G. Veach have been instrumental in having this tri-weekly line established, that whole section of country having heretofore only enjoyed weekly mail facilities.

We see announcement in the Official Gazette of the Patent Office, that our townsman, John W. Fries, has invented and patented a Button Sewing Attachment for Sewing Machines. It does its work speedily and well.

The wheat crop, here and everywhere, is very promising.



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## LOCAL ITEMS.

**POST OFFICE DIRECTORY.**  
Salem, N. C., Post Office Arrangement.—Office hours from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. during the week. As mail arrives or departs on Sunday the office will be open on that day.  
**TRAIN ARRIVAL AND CLOSING THE MAILS**  
Railroad, from Greensboro to Salem, closes every day, except Sundays, at 7 a. m.; due every day except Sunday, by 6.30 p. m.  
Mount Airy mail, via Old Town, Bethania, Five Forks, Little Yadkin, Pilot Mountain, Flat Shoals and Tom's Creek: closes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 6.30 a. m.; due, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, by 3 p. m.  
Madison mail, via Sedge Garden, Germantown and Walnut Cove, due, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 6.30 a. m.; closes, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, by 6.30 p. m.  
Jerusalem mail, via Friedberg, Miller's Mill, Elba, and Fulton: closes every Wednesday at 6 a. m.; due, every Thursday, 7 p. m.  
Jonesville mail, via Mt. Taber, Vienna, Red Plains, East Bend and Booneville: due every Friday, by 7 p. m.; closes every Saturday, at 6 a. m.  
Waketown mail, via Salem Chapel, White Road, Salem's Creek Mills and Blakely: closes every Friday, at 4.30 p. m.; due, every Saturday, by 7 p. m.  
Huntsville mail via Clemmons, Lewisville and Panther Creek, closes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 6.30 a. m.; due, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 3 p. m.

H. W. SHORE, P. M.

**A GOOD GARDEN.**—Remember, the foundation of a good garden is good seeds, in the first place, and good culture afterwards.  
At ZEVELY'S DRUG STORE, you will find all fresh and reliable SEEDS. No old stock on hand, remember that.

**WANTED.**—Copies of the Farmer's and Planter's Almanac for the years 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833 and 1834. Any one having them will confer a great favor by sending them to this office.

## JOB PRINTING.

Persons wishing printing neatly, expeditiously and cheaply executed, can be accommodated at the PRESS OFFICE, SALEM, N. C.

## Court Week.

The Spring Term of our Court is in session, Judge Cloud, presiding. We learn that his Honor's charge to the Grand Jury, stripped of its unnecessary verbiage, presented a sound exposition of the law, in all cases made and provided.

Both dockets are extensive, but neither contains any case of much importance.

The first two days of the term were marked by an unusually large attendance.

On Monday, Denny was convicted of stealing a coat of M. S. Langfelt.

Nearly all day Tuesday was consumed in the trial of Shep. Johnson, charged with horse stealing. The case was given to the jury late in the day, and after remaining out all night, brought in a verdict of guilty.

The noon recess on Tuesday was made profitable to a full house in listening to a well-timed speech from the Hon. J. M. Leach, glowing with patriotic ardor. The General's speech was a telling one. He is evidently the people's man, and one of North Carolina's most favorite sons.

**MR. ALPHEUS P. WINKLER**, a native of this place, but for the last five years resident at Knob Noster, Missouri, is on a visit here.

**W. J. RING**, of this county, sold a lot of 244 pounds of tobacco, recently, at \$64 per hundred.

**MR. RING** had three acres in tobacco, from which he realized \$600.

**50th ANNIVERSARIES.**—Mrs. Charles Yates, of this place, and Mrs. Levine Hine, of Winston, celebrated their 50th birthday last week. Mrs. Rev. D. Z. Smith, of Friedberg, also enjoyed her 50th anniversary on Monday last.

Don't forget that there will be a meeting of the citizens of Salem, in the Commissioner's Hall, on Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is respectfully solicited.

**STRAWBERRIES** are as yet, few and far between.

The Annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias will take place in the early part of June, and not in the latter part of this month, as erroneously stated heretofore.

The Episcopal service in the Court-house, on last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Bynum officiating, is said to have been highly interesting.

**MR. W. F. SWAIN**, of Farmington, Davie County, advertises for a wagon maker.

**YADKIN COLLEGE** commencement on the 25th inst. Situated in Davidson County, about 20 miles from here.

**FAC-SIMILE** of the original Declaration of Independence, can be seen at this office.

**THANKS** to Hon. W. M. Robbins for continued Congressional favors.

**DAVIDSON COLLEGE.**—We have received complimentary invitation to Davidson College Commencement, Wednesday, June 28th. Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, D. D., of Petersburg, will deliver the address before the Literary Societies.

Among the marshals of the day, we notice the name of our young friend, H. E. Fries, of this place.

**NOT DEAD.**—We are glad to learn that young Thomas Martin, who was dangerously wounded by Ben. Smith recently in Stokes, is not dead, and that there is a probability of his recovery. Nothing has been heard from Smith since he took the train at Max Meadows.—Sentinel.

**NEW POST ROUTE.**—A tri-weekly mail route has been established from Dalton Post-Office, on Little Yadkin, Stokes County, to Jefferson, in Ashe County, which will be let out to bidders shortly.

The route supplies the following offices:—Stony Ridge, Silom, Dobson, Judewille, Roaring Gap, Laurel Branch, Cherry Lane, Gap Civil, Elk Creek, Scottsville, and Jefferson, connecting with the line to Taylorsville, Tenn.

Hon. W. M. Robbins and J. G. Veach have been instrumental in having this tri-weekly line established, that whole section of country having heretofore only enjoyed weekly mail facilities.

We see announcement in the Official Gazette of the Patent Office, that our townsman, John W. Fries, has invented and patented a Button Sewing Attachment for Sewing Machines. It does its work speedily and well.

The wheat crop, here and everywhere, is very promising.

## Fresh fish in market once a week.

Good music on Saturday night by Cornet Band.

**YEAL.**—Judging from the quantity of yeal offered, butter will soon be at a very low figure.

**REPAIRED.**—The sidewalk in front of the Old Shoe Factory has been relaid with good brick. Who will be next to repair well worn pavements.

The Commencement Exercises of Bethany College, Davidson county, will take place on the 30th inst. Salem Cornet Band will be in attendance.

**HAULING ICE IN MAY.**—The rare spectacle of loads of ice on our streets on Monday last, caused a sensation. This is probably the first time that ice in such



# Poetry.

## A STAR BEHIND A CLOUD.

No matter how dark the night;  
No matter how dark the clouds may be;  
Up in the shrouded sky,  
Hidden from watching eye,  
Glitters a star for me.

Silvery bright and clear,  
Out in the fields of fabled blue,  
Fearless of cloud and rain,  
Gleams a star in their silent sphere,  
Twinkle and burn for me.

Summer and Winter the same;  
No matter if storm-clouds surge and roll  
Like waves on the fringed sea;  
In Heaven's bright ether,  
Twinkle and glow with a quenchless flame,  
These types of the soul!

No matter how dark thy life;  
No matter how gloomy thy watch may be;  
Mid sorrow, and pain, and care,  
Still watching thee everywhere,  
Back of the curtain of earthly strife,  
Twinkles a star for thee!

# Humorous.

## Anecdote of Hon. A. W. Venable.

Twenty-five years ago, June next, he sat on the piazza of "Miss Nancy's" Hotel at Chapel Hill in "commencement" week, surrounded by a crowd of gentlemen who appreciated and enjoyed his wonderful conversational powers. A student, who entertained enlarged and expansive ideas of his own smartness and importance—we are tempted to give the name, he is a prominent radical now; but forbear, and call him S.—annoyed and nettled Mr. Venable by frequent interruptions and questions. All present, except "S," saw and felt the annoyance. At last he said, "Mr. Venable, you were educated at Princeton, were you not?" "Yes, sir," answered the gentleman. "Well, sir, is not the standard of education, comparatively lower there than at other old colleges, Yale and Harvard for instance?" "No, I think not," answered Mr. V., curtly, yet politely. "S," persisted. "Don't you know, Mr. Venable, that in proportion to numbers, graduated, Princeton turns out on the world more poorly educated men and more fools than any other college in America?" "No, sir," thundered Mr. V., rising, "but this I do know—there are fools at all the colleges, and one of the most contemptible ever saw is now in the Senior class at Chapel Hill—one whose company I no longer desire!" S. left.—*Per Deo Herold.*

Not so bad.—A dentist, whose skill at tooth-pulling is well known, was recently called upon by a man carrying an old garden rake. "Doctor," said he, "I want you to pull a couple of teeth for me." "Very well," replied the doctor; "take a seat in that chair, and show me the teeth." "Well, doctor," said the man, "I want you to pull two broken teeth out of this." For a moment the doctor was non-plussed by the joke, but recovering himself, replied: "Well, let me have it, I might as well take the teeth from one rake as another."

He did so, and demanded his fee of one dollar. A French doctor, many years ago, advertised cosmetic—the "balm of one thousand flowers." It finally got him into court, charged with swindling the purchaser, because it would be impossible to collect and combine the odor of "one thousand flowers." But the witty Frenchman, with a ready smile, put them down with the reply, "because" which was one of the ingredients in the "balm."

Says an editor, out in the mining region:—"When a man gets both his legs mashed, rendering him unable to work for three months, there's nothing that cheers him up so much, and so effectively keeps the wolf from the door, as for his fellow workmen to pass a series of resolutions praying for his speedy recovery, and ordering an engraved copy of the same to be presented to his family."

A story is told of an Englishman who lately, in making a return of his income to the tax commissioners, wrote on the paper, "For the last three years my income has been somewhat under £150. In the future it will be more precarious, as the man is dead of whom I borrowed the money."

A young gentleman and private secretary, whose jokes are freely bandied about the House of Commons, has devoted his intellect to the composition of a memorandum on the Albert Memorial. "Why," he asks, "was the statue of the Prince Consort gilded?" "To make him look like a Sovereign, of course."

A functions boy asked one of his intimates what was the difference between a hardware dealer and a bootmaker. The latter, somewhat puzzled, gave it out. "Why," said the other, "the one sold the nails and the other nailed the soles."

A vicar once told his bishop how he could preach without preparation; just a few minutes before the service he could get ready in the vestry, and think nothing of it. "That's just what your people have thought of it all along," said the bishop.

Josh Billings says: "There is one thing about a hen that looks like wisdom—they don't feed much till they have laid their eggs. Sam phlocks are always a braggin and cackling what they are going to do before hand."

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Donaldson's Improved  
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Cures Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma,  
Hemorrhages, Hoarseness, Coughs,  
and all kindred diseases.

**LOOK HERE.** The cold snaps of  
winter have damaged the tobacco  
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**THE FRESH** ZEVELY'S DRUG STORE  
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Purposing to close out our Stock entirely, we offer  
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PRICES, will do well to call early.  
S. H. & S. A. EVERETT.  
Salem Feb. 9th, 1876.

# Notice.

MRS. THOMAS J. BOKER, has resumed the  
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to dye every description of ladies and gentlemen's  
wear.  
Salem Oct. 28, 1875-43.

**FOR SALE.** Three beautiful lots on De  
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